

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) ~~The immersion blender of claim 4,~~  
An immersion blender comprising:

a body housing a drive motor;

a first handle;

a second handle having a first end and a second end,  
said first end being attached to said first handle, said  
second end being attached to an upper half of said body;

a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive  
motor;

a third handle, extending outward from a lower half of  
said body in a direction substantially perpendicular to an  
axis defined by said drive shaft; and

a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,

wherein said first handle is elongated with a proximal end  
portion, a central portion and a distal end portion,  
wherein said proximal end and said distal end enable an

operator's hand to easily grasp or wrap thereabout, and  
wherein said central portion is connected to said second handle.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) ~~The immersion blender of claim 1~~ An immersion blender comprising:

a body housing a drive motor;

a first handle;

a second handle having a first end and a second end,  
said first end being attached to said first handle, said  
second end being attached to an upper half of said body;

a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive  
motor;

a third handle, extending outward from a lower half of  
said body in a direction substantially perpendicular to an  
axis defined by said drive shaft; and

a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,

wherein said third handle is a knob.

8-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently amended) ~~The hand held blender of claim 9,~~ A hand held blender comprising:

an elongated body having a drive motor, said body having two or more handles;

a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive motor;

a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,

wherein a first handle of said two or more handles is attached to an upper half of said body, and a second handle of said two or more handles is attached to a lower half of said body, said second handle extending outward from said body in a direction substantially perpendicular to an axis defined by said drive shaft, wherein at least one of said two or more handles is a stabilizing handle disposed on a side of said body, wherein said stabilizing handle is a knob.

11-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently amended) ~~The blender of claim 15,~~ A blender comprising:

a body housing a drive motor;

a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive motor; and

a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,

wherein said body has a first handle to facilitate pivoting the blender with respect to a working surface, a second handle to facilitate moving the blender laterally with respect to said working surface, and a third handle to facilitate stabilizing the blender during operative use, said third handle being located in a position on said body remote from said first handle and said second handle,

wherein said first handle is elongated with a proximal end portion, a central portion and a distal end portion,

wherein said proximal end and said distal end enable an operator's hand to easily grasp or wrap thereabout, and

wherein said central portion is connected to said second handle.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently amended) ~~The blender of claim 17,~~ A blender comprising:

a body housing a drive motor;

a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive motor; and

a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,

wherein said body has a first handle to facilitate pivoting the blender with respect to a working surface, a second handle to facilitate moving the blender laterally

with respect to said working surface, and a third handle to facilitate stabilizing the blender during operative use, said third handle being located in a position on said body remote from said first handle and said second handle,

wherein said third handle protrudes outwardly from a side of said body in a direction substantially perpendicular to an axis defined by said drive shaft,  
wherein said third handle is a knob.

19-20. (Cancelled).